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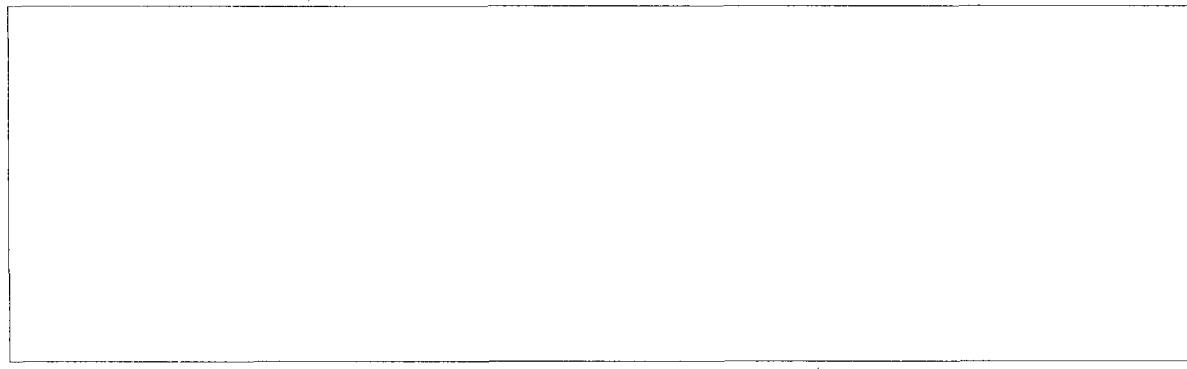
2. North Korean antiaircraft artillery may be concentrating on east coast: A North Korean message from an east coast unit mentions on 3 April "the 20th Regiment."

On 4 April a message, probably addressed to the commander of the "21st Regiment," orders him to set up his command post in the Hamhung area, but to continue maintaining effective control over his units in the Pyongyang area.

A North Korean communication on 5 April notes that the "(Mechanized?) Battalion is moving from Sinsong (possibly in western Korea) to Cho'np'yong" (near Hamhung). (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, 15RSM/9982; 15RSM/10053, 5 Apr; 330th Comm Recon Co Korea, ALT-475, 6 Apr 52)

Comment: While only the 19th, 20th and 23rd Antiaircraft Artillery Regiments are accepted in the North Korean Army, other evidence indicates that a 21st and a 22nd may also exist. The general text of these messages suggests that the 20th and 21st AAA Regiments are joining the 23rd in the Hamhung area.

In this connection, a net decrease of nearly ten percent in enemy antiaircraft weapons occurred along major enemy communication routes during the last two weeks of March, and recent photo reconnaissance in the Wonsan area of eastern Korea shows new antiaircraft artillery installations.



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